



# BUSHNELL PARK FOUNDATION

## **SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL ARCH RESTORATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECT CONSULTANT**



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The Bushnell Park Foundation is seeking the services of an architect experienced in historic preservation to provide professional design services related to restorations, repairs and betterments to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch located in historic Bushnell Park in downtown Hartford.

**Project Background:** The Bushnell Park Foundation has been awarded a \$5,000 Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant (HPTAG) from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. As part of the grant requirements the City of Hartford has committed to provide a matching grant of \$5,000 to the Bushnell Park Foundation. With the sum of \$10,000 the Bushnell Park Foundation intends to retain the services of a Professional Project Consultant.

**Project Goals/Services:** The goal of the project is to engage the services of a Professional Project Consultant to perform the following specific services to support the Bushnell Park Foundation's application to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for a Historic Preservation Grant:

- Prepare a detailed narrative of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch Restoration Project describing each component of the work scope.
- Prepare detailed restoration and construction documents and specifications for the designated repairs and improvements to the Arch.
- Provide a project construction budget reflecting all project costs in Uniform Construction Index format.

**Project Scope:** It is the intent of the Bushnell Park Foundation to undertake selective restorations, repairs and betterments to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch. The final scope of work will be keyed to the available funds and cost estimates for the specific work items. The Foundation intends to complete the following improvements with the understanding that there may be adjustments to the scope of work based on costing and bidding. The Project Consultant may be requested to prepare limited "add alternates" for bidding so as to maximize the utilization of all available construction dollars.

- Washing and sealing of the brownstone facades, terra cotta friezes and statuary.
- Selective repointing and repairs to the masonry as required.
- Weatherproofing and installing a floor slab in the west tower.
- Updating electrical service and exterior lighting of the monument.
- Miscellaneous repairs and deferred maintenance improvements to improve safety and security.

Note that all restoration work and repairs shall be done in accordance with the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

**Consultant Qualifications:** The Project Consultant must be an architect licensed in the State of Connecticut with specific experience in historic preservation projects, and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Qualification Standards. In addition the Project Consultant may need the services of selected consultants to provide the required services. Such consultants may include an electrical/lighting engineer and cost estimator.

**RFP Response:** Responses to this RFP should be submitted to the attention of:

Joseph P. Williams  
President  
Bushnell Park Foundation, Inc.  
P. O. Box 230778  
Hartford, CT 06123

Proposals should be focused and concise and organized as follows:

- Letter of Interest.
- Statement of Project Understanding.
- Examples of Relevant Historic Preservation Work.
- Articulation of Services to be Provided (note that construction administration services are not being requested at this time).
- Statement of Fee, including any reimbursable expenses, keyed to available grant funds.

There will be a mandatory walk through of the Arch at 9 a.m. on July 20, 2011. Any questions regarding the RFP and the scope of services will be addressed at that time.

RFP responses (one hard copy) should be mailed to Joseph P. Williams at the address provided above and submitted electronically to [jwilliams@goodwin.com](mailto:jwilliams@goodwin.com) to be received no later than August 15, 2011. Final selection will be made within 30 days from receipt of the proposals.

**Client Profile and Selection Procedures:** The Bushnell Park Foundation's mission is to preserve and protect historic Bushnell Park for the enjoyment of current and future generations. The owner of the Park is the City of Hartford. Each entity has a vested interest in this project and has contributed to it. The Bushnell Park Foundation, acting through its Physical Park Improvement Committee, will serve as the Client for this project. It will review the proposals received, prepare a short list and interview the selected candidates, and select the preferred candidate. It would then be the intent of the Foundation to enter into a contract with the selected Project Consultant (utilizing an AIA contract document such as B151 – Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect).

The Bushnell Park Foundation, acting through its Physical Park Improvement Committee, and based on its good judgment, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals at its sole discretion.

**About the Arch:** Bushnell Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, and is recognized for its historic artwork, arboretum of over 700 trees as well as its monuments.

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, an eclectic compilation of medieval and Gothic styles, is a monument made of brownstone from Portland, Connecticut, built in 1886 to honor the 4,000 residents of Hartford who fought in the Civil War. The arch features a terra cotta frieze depicting scenes from the Civil War, and midway below it, eight-foot-tall statues representing the various kinds of residents who left their homes, families and businesses to fight in the War: student, farmer, free slave, stone mason, carpenter and blacksmith. The original terra cotta angels – Gabriel and Raphael – which crown each tower were replicated in bronze and replaced in 1987.

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, which is the first permanent triumphal Arch in America, marks its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arch, a \$1.5 million restoration was completed. Now, 25 years later, less expensive though important restorative work is needed to ensure the Arch continues to proudly adorn Bushnell Park.

**Notice:** This RFP has been posted on the Bushnell Park Foundation website.

**Equal Opportunity:** The Bushnell Park Foundation prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, military or veteran status, national origin, sex, ancestry, sexual orientation, or past or present physical or mental disability in accordance with Titles VI, VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991, and other applicable federal and state laws.

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